

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Community Services



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### **Harford County Offers Permanent Prescription Drug Box for Unused Medications**

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Community Services' Office of Drug Control Policy has teamed up with the Maryland State Police to offer a permanent drop-off box for unused prescription drugs at the Maryland State Police Bel Air Barrack.

Harford County Executive David R. Craig and State Police unveiled the new drop box on Wednesday, November 20 at the Bel Air Barrack located at 1401 Belair Road, Bel Air, Maryland 21014.

"This is a responsible and safe way for Harford County residents to dispose of unused prescription medicine. This permanent drug box allows people to continue to participate in this process and not just during Drug Take Back Days," said County Executive Craig.

The Office of Drug Control Policy paid for the box and installation as part of its efforts to reduce Harford's opioid death rate, which is currently the fourth highest in Maryland.

Residents can turn in any unused prescription medications at any time with no questions asked. The Office of Drug Control Policy recently participated in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The downtown Bel Air location collected 1152 pounds, Havre de Grace had 300 pounds, and the Bel Air State Police Barrack had 250 pounds for a grand total of 1702 pounds of prescription drugs.

Over the past three years more than 11,000 pounds of unused medicines have been turned in at Harford County locations.

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